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Title: DEVICES AND METHODS TO FORM A RANDOMLY ORDERED ARRAY  
OF MAGNETIC BEADS AND USES THEREOF

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**OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2005, rejecting claims 1-68 of the above-referenced patent application. The cited references are U.S. Pat. No. 6,440,520, to Baglin, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,395,498, to Gombinsky, et al., and U.S. Pat. No. 6,355,491, to Zhou, et al. The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on p. 2 of this paper. As indicated there, please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 42-44, 59, and 63, please add claims 113-124 and please cancel claims 6, 14, and 68-112. No new matter is added by the amendments.

**Remarks** begin on p. 12 of this paper.

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